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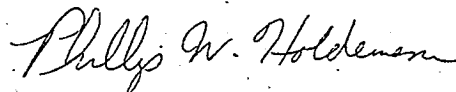
Rick Soehren  
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Dear Mr. Soehren:

We have reviewed the draft document titled "Urban Water Conservation Strategy - Objectives and Mechanisms" dated July 25, 1996. East Niles Community Services District is a water purveyor and member of the Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee for the Kern County Water Agency's Improvement District 4. The Kern County Water Agency is providing you with a response which includes comments from many purveyors such as ourselves. We firmly concur with their compiled comments and urge you to give them your attention.

In addition, East Niles would suggest that when dealing with conservation, not all systems can be grouped and treated the same. Fully metered systems, such as East Niles, demonstrate less demand per capita than non-metered systems. When a metered water user wastes water, the water bill increases, giving an incentive to conserve water. Therefore, East Niles strongly opposes the establishment of a mandatory "floor" level of conservation which does not consider the differences between metered and non-metered systems.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Manager

cc:  
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